

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 AMMAN 00183 111430Z
ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00
DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 FAA-00 L-03 /031 W
-----111447Z 005198 /47

P 111204Z JAN 77
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 137

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 0183

DEPARTMENT PASS FAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, JO
SUBJECT: GOJ REQUEST FOR FAA ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) 76 STATE 246091, (B) 76 AMMAN 6313, (C) FAA 282112Z
OF 12/76, (D) AMMAN 47

1. IN FOLLOW UP TO AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION (REF D)
REGARDING GOJ INTEREST IN OBTAINING FAA TEAM TO REVIEW
BROAD RANGE OF CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, SHARIF GHAZI
BEN RAKAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT
CALLED ON AMBASSADOR JANUARY 10. SHARIF GHAZI REITERATED
KING HUSSEIN'S STRONG FEELING THAT JORDAN'S CIVIL AVIATION
DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL AIRLINE, ALIA (WITH ITS MORE OR
LESS INDEPENDENT SUBSIDIARIES, JORDAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND
ARAB WINGS), HAVE REACHED STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND
AND EXPANSION WHICH REQUIRES BROAD REVIEW OF ORGANIZA-
TION AND OPERATIONS.

2. SHARIF GHAZI WILL PREPARE LETTER TO AMBASSADOR
INDICATING IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS PRESENTLY POSSIBLE
NEEDS FOR FAA ASSISTANCE. OTHER THAN GENERAL POINTS
OF REFERENCE CITED ABOVE AND IN REF D, SHARIF GHAZI
WILL PROBABLY SEEK GUIDANCE ON PROCUDURES FOR TRANS-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 AMMAN 00183 111430Z

FORMING CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT INTO MINI-FAA AND
REQUEST LONG TERM FOLLOW UP TEAM TO PURSUE IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF FAA TEAM WHO WOULD INITIALLY
PREPARE REPORT. REIMBURSEMENT FOR FAA SERVICES WILL
BE FUNDED BY JORDANIANS. AS ROUGH GUIDE TO SUCH
COSTS, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED COST ESTIMATES PROVIDED BY
FAA IN REF A FOR DR. STRICKLER.

3. SHARIF GHAZI MAINTAINS HIGH INTEREST IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF STRICKLER AND WILL INCLUDE FORMAL REQUEST IN LETTER TO BE SENT TO AMBASSADOR CONCERNING REQUEST FOR FAA TEAM. SHARIF GHAZI ADVISED AMBASSADOR THAT DATA COLLECTION SUGGESTED BY STRICKLER WHEN THEY MET HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND ONLY AWAITS STRICKLER'S ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS. NOTING THAT WE CAN EXPECT STRICKLER'S AVAILABILITY TO BE LIMITED TO FEBRUARY/MARCH 1977 (REF C), SHARIF GHAZI IS ANXIOUS THAT THERE BE NO DELAY IN ACQUIRING HIS SERVICES. IT WOULD APPEAR TO US THAT STRICKLER'S WORK COULD BE UNDERTAKEN INDEPENDENTLY OF THAT OF FAA TEAM AND LATER COORDINATED WITH IT IF SUCH WERE NECESSARY.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT GOJ OFFICIALS ARE SERIOUS IN INTEREST TO UPGRADE CIVIL AVIATION AND NATIONAL AIRLINES PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS AND RATIONALIZE RAPID EXPANSION OF RECENT PAST. FAA ASSISTANCE WOULD BE INVALUABLE IN THIS REGARD, AND WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT ANY FAA TEAM ASSEMBLED BE LED BY HIGHLY EXPERIENCED, BROADLY VERSED INDIVIDUAL. KING HUSSEIN HIMSELF HAS WELL KNOWN DEEP INTEREST IN AVIATION MATTERS AND WOULD FULLY SUPPORT EFFORTS OF FAA TEAM. TEAM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE REPORTING PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY TO KING AT SOME POINT IN THE WORK.

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SHARIF GHAZI ADVISED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 AMMAN 00183 111430Z

AMBASSADOR THAT PLANS FOR PAN-ARAB "ARAB AVIATION UNIVERSITY" TO BE LOCATED IN JORDAN ARE PROCEEDING WELL. SEVEN OR EIGHT ARAB STATES HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL AND FORMAL AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED FAIRLY SOON. (HE MENTIONED HERE LIBYA, EGYPT, KUWAIT, SUDAN, SYRIA, ALGERIA AND MOROCCO.) HE NOTED OMAN AND QATAR WHICH WANT THEIR OWN AIR TRAINING SCHEME AND ARE, FOR THAT REASON OPPOSED. KUWAIT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO PROVIDE \$500,000 TO SUPPORT FEASIBILITY PROJECT AND MAY PROVIDE \$35 MILLION FOR LATER IMPLEMENTATION. ALTHOUGH ARAB AIR UNIVERSITY IS NOT AT THIS POINT EXPECTED TO FALL WITHIN SCOPE OF GOJ REQUEST FOR FAA ASSISTANCE TEAM, IT IS A PROPOSAL SO RELATED TO JORDAN'S NATIONAL AVIATION CONCERNS THAT THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOME, ALBEIT INFORMAL AND LOOSE, CONNECTION WITHWORK OF FAA TEAM.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PREPARATION OF THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS, THE AMBASSADOR SAW KING HUSSEIN ON AN

UNRELATED MATTER. WHILE WAITING FOR HIS AUDIENCE HE MET SHARIF GHAZI BEN RAKAN WHO HAD JUST COME FROM BRIEFING KING ON THE MEETING DESCRIBED ABOVE. SHARIF GHAZI SAID THE KING APPROVED COMPLETELY THE APPROACH OUTLINED INCLUDING THE NEED FOR JORDAN TO PAY FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT GETS. DURING AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH THE KING, HUSSEIN TOO RAISED THE QUESTION. HE SAID HE WAS ABOUT TO GO OFF TO A MEETING WITH HIS AIRLINE AND WAS GOING TO THUMP THE TABLE HEAVILY ON GETTING IMPROVEMENTS. HE NOTED HE WAS COUNTING GREATLY ON GETTING AN ABSOLUTELY TOP CLASS FAA TEAM TO JORDAN TO WORK ON THESE PROBLEMS WITH HIS CIVIL AVIATION PEOPLE IN ALL AREAS. HE REPEATED FOR ME AGAIN THE HIGH URGENCY HE ATTACHED TO GETTING A TEAM SOON.

7. COMMENT: GIVEN THE HIGH PERSONAL URGENCY ATTACHED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 AMMAN 00183 111430Z

TO THIS QUESTION BY THE KING AND JORDAN'S WILLINGNESS TO COVER THE FINANCES REQUIRED, WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT FAA AND DEPARTMENT CAN REPLY QUICKLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY TO THIS REQUEST. WE EXPECT TO HAVE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS OFFICIAL WRITTEN REQUEST FROM SHARIF GHAZI TO FORWARD TO WASHINGTON.
PICKERING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PERSONNEL TRAINING, CIVIL AVIATION, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977AMMAN00183
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770010-0451
Format: TEL
From: AMMAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770165/aaaaceix.tel
Line Count: 146
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8de4b6db-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 246091, 76 AMMAN 6313
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3629321
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOJ REQUEST FOR FAA ASSISTANCE
TAGS: EAIR, JO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8de4b6db-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009